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REMARKS

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1. From 8 to 10 April 1953, KVPD in Loebau was loaded onto four trains each consisting between 15 to 20 cars which included 50 percent boxcars and 50 percent flatcars. Material seen with the about 3,000 troops who wore full field pack included about 16x160-mm mortars, about 10x120-mm mortars, 4x45-mm AT guns, 8x76-mm field guns, 10 new Horch-type trucks and 5 new cross country cars.

The unit left about 500 soldiers including 200 recruits and a comparatively large number of officers and NCOs.

2. On 20 April, one T-34 hull was unloaded at the freight station in Loebau and taken to the barracks installation and, on 22 April, 7 x 76-mm field guns. On 23 April, 4 x 122-mm field howitzers from the barracks installation were loaded and dispatched for an unknown destination.

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4. On the occasion of 1 May Ceremony, the detail of 400 VPs marching in blocks of 48 men and headed by one colonel and 20 field officers marched ahead of the celebrating column.

5. From 8 to 13 June, the Loebau barracks installation was still occupied by about 500 KVP troops including a large number of officers. There was no training activity. In early June, 50 to 60 tents, about 4 x 6 meters, were pitched up on a large area inside the barracks area. They were for personnel of the Dienst fuer Deutschland organization. They were not occupied as a result of the recent government measures. There were rumors that, on 16 June, one or two KVP regiments would occupy

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the barracks installation.<sup>1</sup> Between 10 and 15 trucks, and 4 to 6 passenger cars were seen at the installation.

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1. Comment. The Loebau Cadre Unit was dissolved along with the reorganization of the KVP units in April and May 1953. The artillery units and the AAA units of the cadre unit were detached to the artillery regiment and the AAA regiment of TV 3000 in Zittau and the tank units were detached to the TV 3000 in Spremberg as an infantry unit of the TV 3000 was activated in Loebau from elements of the dissolved cadre units in Loebau and Zittau. Elements of the infantry unit in Loebau were probably at the Weisswasser troop training grounds in late May and early June 1953.

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